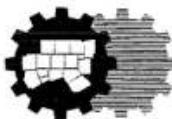


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May 2002

REGION 40 (NORTHERN TEXAS) 700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES FIRST MEETING

The Region 40 (Northern Texas) 700 MHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee Convener announces that the initial meeting Region 40 700 MHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee will be held on June 26, 2002 at 9:00 a.m., at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Tx., Centerpoint Two Building, Transportation Board Room, 3rd Floor. The meeting should adjourn before noon.

The Northern Texas Region is composed of 42 counties of the Northeast, North, and North Central Texas area. The region is characterized by the large urban metropolitan Dallas/ Fort Worth area, as well as less populated cities and counties found throughout the remainder of Region 40's planning area.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Review the status of the FCC rules for the 700 MHz band,
2. Review the work to date of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee,
3. Establish a Regional Planning Committee,
4. Elect a Chairperson,
5. Establish procedural rules,
6. Review plan elements, and
7. Form workgroups to develop the regional plan.

The Region 40 (Northern Texas) 700 MHz Public Safety Committee meeting is open to the public. All eligible public safety providers whose sole purpose or principal purpose is to protect the safety of life, health, or property in Region 40 would utilize these frequencies. It is essential that not only public safety, but all government, Native American Tribal, and non-governmental organizations eligible under Section 90.523 of the Commission's Rules be represented in order that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate and represent your agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of new public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz band are encouraged to attend.

For further information about the meeting, please contact:

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IT Solutions Department / City of Fort Worth, Texas
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If you plan to attend the meeting, please complete an enclosed response form for each person attending and FAX to Fred Keithley / Director of Human Services and Regional Training / North Central Texas Council of Governments. The FAX number is 817-695-9145. If possible, please FAX the form by, or before, June 10, 2002.

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REGION 40 (NORTHERN TEXAS) 700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SECOND MEETING

The Region 40 (Northern Texas) 700 MHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee Convener announces that the second meeting of Region 40 700 MHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee will be held on October 2, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Centerpoint Two Building, Transportation Board Room, 3rd Floor, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas.

The purposes of the meeting are to:

1. Approve minutes of the 1st meeting,
2. Discuss and Approve the By-laws,
3. Seat Chairs for the Technical & Planning, Interoperability, and Implementation Sub-committees,
4. Review State of 700 MHz Planning Nationwide
5. Discuss Other Business, and
6. Schedule Next Meeting Date.

The Region 40 (Northern Texas) 700 MHz Public Safety Planning Committee meeting is open to the public. All eligible public safety providers whose sole purpose or principal purpose is to protect the safety of life, health, or property in Region 40 would utilize these frequencies. It is essential that not only public safety, but all government, Native American Tribal, and non-governmental organizations eligible under Section 90.523 of the Commission's Rules be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should

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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

REGION 40 (NORTHERN TEXAS) 700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THIRD MEETING

The Region 40 (Northern Texas) 700 MHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee Convener announces that the third meeting of Region 40 700 MHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee will be held on February 24, 2003 at 1:00 p.m., at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Centerpoint Two Building, Transportation Board Room, 3rd Floor, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas.

The purposes of the meeting are to:

1. Approve minutes of the 2nd meeting,
2. Review and discuss report from the Implementation Subcommittee,
3. Review and discuss report from the Interoperability Subcommittee,
4. Review and discuss report from the Technology & Planning Subcommittee
5. Discuss other business, and
6. Schedule next meeting date.

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All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of new public safety

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spectrum in the 700 MHz band are encouraged to attend. For further information about the meeting, please contact:

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Subject: NOTICE OF REGION 40'S THIRD PLANNING MEETING

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGION 40 (NORTH TEXAS) PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THIRD REGION 40 700 MHZ PLANNING MEETING

The Region 40 (North Texas) 700 MHZ Public Safety Planning Committee announces that the third planning meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2003 at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, 76005. The meeting will convene at 1:00 PM.

The agenda for the meeting will be:

- Approve minutes of the 2nd meeting
- Report from the Implementation Subcommittee
- Report from the Interoperability Subcommittee
- Report from the Technology & Planning Subcommittee
- Other Business
- Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn

The Region 40 700 MHZ Public Safety Planning Committee meeting is open to the public. All eligible public safety providers in North Central Texas may utilize these frequencies. It is essential that participants be representatives of all eligible public safety providers in order to ensure that your agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate and represent your agency's needs.

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All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of new public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz band within Region 40 should plan to attend, and are welcome to participate and volunteer for committee assignments.

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NOTICE OF REGION 40, 700 MHZ PLANNING MEETINGS

Region 40 Public Safety Communications Planning Committee will meet in General Session:

ON: Monday, February 24, 2003
AT: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
WHERE: North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
Executive Board Room
616 Six Flags Drive, Suite 200
Arlington
Locator Map

Sub-Committees will meet:

ON: Monday, February 24, 2003
Implementation 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
(Outreach)
Technology & Planning 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Interoperability 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Same Location as General Session -- NCTCOG

Agenda for General Session:

- ✓ Approval of minutes from October 2, 2002 meeting
- ✓ Report from Implementation (Outreach) Sub-committee
- ✓ Report from Interoperability Sub-committee
- ✓ Report from Technology and Planning Sub-Committee
- ✓ Other Business
- ✓ Next Meeting Data

The Region 40, 700 MHz Planning Meeting is open to the public. All interested public safety agency representatives are invited to attend and are encouraged to participate in any or all of the

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sub-committees' planning activities.

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Program Description:

- The Regional Radio Communications Frequency Planning and Allocation Program has been in operation since 1988.

The purpose of the overall program is to develop and implement a plan for the effective distribution and use of radio frequencies, with the intent to improve public safety agencies' overall radio communications effectiveness. This is accomplished by assisting local communities and other qualifying agencies in obtaining appropriate radio frequencies. Results include: less frequency congestion and interference, safer operation of public safety agencies and more effective service to the general public.

The Program's scope addresses the frequency spectrum of 821 - 824/866 - 869 MHz, 700MHz spectrum, and "give back" frequencies, i.e. those frequencies that are returned for reallocation.

Planning, application evaluation, and frequency recommendation activities are conducted by the Region 40 Regional Review Committee for 821 MHz frequencies. The Region 40 Radio Communications Planning Committee is developing a plan for the use of 700 MHz frequencies. Local governments and particularly public safety agencies benefit. The service area includes forty-two counties in four planning regions: North Central Texas Council of Governments, Ark-Tex COG, East Texas COG, and Texoma COG.

Oversight Responsibilities:

- The **Region 40 Regional Review Committee** provides technical direction and oversight. It is largely composed of broadcast engineers, communications personnel, and law enforcement representatives.

Coordination of meetings, agendas, and record-keeping is the responsibility of NCTCOG's Department of Community Services.

The Federal Communications Commission is the final authority for approval of the frequencies allocated.

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- The **Region 40 Public Safety Communications Planning Committee** is developing a regional plan for agencies that will request frequencies from the 700 MHz band.

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To: Region 40 700 MHz Planning Committee
Emergency Preparedness Interoperability Sub-Committee

From: Fred Keithley, Director of Community Services

Subject: Notice of Meeting

Chairman Scrivner has asked that the Region 40, 700 MHz Communications Planning Committee meet for the third time to conduct business regarding the status of plan development. Meeting particulars follow.

NOTICE OF REGION 40, 700 MHz PLANNING MEETINGS

Region 40 will meet in general session

Monday, February 24
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Executive Board Room
616 Six Flags Drive
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Sub-Committees will meet

Monday, February 24
Implementation, (outreach) 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Technology and Planning, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Interoperability, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Same Location

AGENDA FOR GENERAL SESSION

- Approval of minutes from October 2, 2002 Meeting
- Report from Implementation Sub-Committee
- Report from Interoperability Sub-Committee
- Report from Technology and Planning Sub-Committee
- Other Business
- Next Meeting Date

Please let me know your attendance plans for both the General Session at 1:00, and the Sub-Committee sessions at 10:30, by tagging on to this e-mail.

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From: Fred Keithley, Director of Community Services

Subject: Notice of Meeting

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Same Location

AGENDA FOR GENERAL SESSION

- Approval of minutes from October 2, 2002 Meeting (see attached)



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- Report from Implementation Sub-Committee
- Report from Interoperability Sub-Committee
- Report from Technology and Planning Sub-Committee
- Other Business
- Next Meeting Date

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Final Bylaws are also attached:



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REGION 40 (NORTHERN TEXAS) 700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES FOURTH MEETING

The Region 40 (Northern Texas) 700 MHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee Convener announces that its fourth meeting will be held on May 6, 2003 at 1:00 p.m., at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas.

The purposes of the meeting are to:

1. Approve minutes of the 3rd meeting,
2. Review and discuss report from the Implementation Subcommittee,
3. Review and discuss report from the Interoperability Subcommittee,
4. Review and discuss report from the Technology & Planning Subcommittee
5. Discuss other business, and
6. Schedule next meeting date.

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REGION 40 (NORTH TEXAS) PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES FOURTH REGION 40 700 MHZ PLANNING MEETING

The Region 40 (North Texas) 700 MHZ Public Safety Planning Committee announces that the fourth planning meeting will be held on May 6, 2003 at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, 76005. The meeting will convene at 1:00 PM.

The agenda for the meeting will be:

- Approve minutes of the 3rd meeting
- Report from the Implementation Subcommittee
- Report from the Interoperability Subcommittee
- Report from the Technology & Planning Subcommittee
- Discussion of the Regional Plan Draft
- Other Business
- Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn

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May 3 - 4, 2003	Wichita Falls Area Fire Protection School (TEEX)	Wichita Falls, TX	For more information contact Lewis Skinner at (940) 592-9563
May 6, 2003	700 Public Safety Planning Committee 1:00 PM	NCTCOG 616 Six Flags Dr Arlington, TX	For information contact Pam Palmisano at (972) 547-5110
May 30 – Jun 1, 2003	ARKLATEX Area Fire School	Queen City High School Campus Queen City, TX	For more information call Johnny Duncan at (903) 796-9568 or Ed Keeser at (903) 846-9991

SFFMA Calendar of Events June 2003

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Jun 7 – 11, 2003	127 th Annual SFFMA Training Conference & Convention	Galveston, TX	For more information contact Helen L. Johnson at (512) 454-3473
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Jun 21 – 22	Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts NFA	Spring VFD Station 75 Spring, TX	For more information call Robert Barron at (713) 208-7795

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REGION 40 (NORTHERN TEXAS) 700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES FIFTH MEETING

The Region 40 (Northern Texas) 700 MHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee announces that its fifth meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2003 at 2:00 p.m., at the Dallas Fort Worth Airport, Department of Public Safety Headquarters, 2900 E. 28th Street, DFW Airport, Texas.

The purposes of the meeting are to:

1. Approve minutes of the 4th meeting,
2. Review and discuss the Draft of the Regional Plan,
3. Discuss other business, and
4. Schedule next meeting date.

The Region 40 (Northern Texas) 700 MHz Public Safety Planning Committee meeting is open to the public. All eligible public safety providers whose sole purpose or principal purpose is to protect the safety of life, health, or property in Region 40 would utilize these frequencies. It is essential that not only public safety, but all government, Native American Tribal, and non-governmental organizations eligible under Section 90.523 of the Commission's Rules be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate and represent your agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of new public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz band are encouraged to attend. For further information about the meeting, please contact:

J. Daniel Scrivner, PE, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REGION 40 (NORTH TEXAS) PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES FIFTH REGION 40 700 MHZ PLANNING MEETING

The Region 40 (North Texas) 700 MHz Public Safety Planning Committee announces that the fifth planning meeting will be held on July 17, 2003 at DFW Airport, Department of Public Safety Headquarters, 2900 E. 28th Street, DFW Airport, Texas, 75261. The meeting will convene at 2:00 pm.

The agenda for the meeting will be:

Approve minutes of the previous meeting
Discuss the Draft of the Regional Plan
Other Business
Next Meeting Date
Adjourn

The Region 40 700 MHz Public Safety Planning Committee meeting is open to the public. All eligible public safety providers in North Central Texas may utilize these frequencies. It is essential that participants be representatives of all eligible public safety providers in order to ensure that your agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate and represent your agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of new public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz band within Region 40 should plan to attend, and are welcome to participate and volunteer for committee assignments.

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Region 25 700 MHz Meeting

The Region 25 (Montana State) 700 MHz Public Safety Planning Committee announces its second meeting, to be held on Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at 9 a.m. at the Montana Department of Justice, Scott Hart Auditorium, 301 N. Roberts, Helena, Mont.

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Region 40 700 MHz Planning Committee

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- The Regional Radio Communications Frequency Planning and Allocation Program has been in operation since 1988.

The purpose of the overall program is to develop and implement a plan for the effective distribution and use of radio frequencies, with the intent to improve public safety agencies' overall radio communications effectiveness. This is accomplished by assisting local communities and other qualifying agencies in obtaining appropriate radio frequencies. Results include: less frequency congestion and interference, safer operation of public safety agencies and more effective service to the general public.

The Program's scope addresses the frequency spectrum of 821 - 824/866 - 869 MHz, 700MHz spectrum, and "give back" frequencies, i.e. those frequencies that are returned for reallocation.

Planning, application evaluation, and frequency recommendation activities are conducted by the Region 40 Regional Review Committee for 821 MHz frequencies. The Region 40 Radio Communications Planning Committee is developing a plan for the use of 700 MHz frequencies. Local governments and particularly public safety agencies benefit. The service area includes forty-two counties in four planning regions: North Central Texas Council of Governments, Ark-Tex COG, East Texas COG, and Texoma COG.

Oversight Responsibilities:

- The **Region 40 Regional Review Committee** provides technical direction and oversight. It is largely composed of broadcast engineers, communications personnel, and law enforcement representatives.

Coordination of meetings, agendas, and record-keeping is the responsibility of NCTCOG's Department of Community Services.

The Federal Communications Commission is the final authority for approval of the frequencies allocated.

- The **Region 40 Public Safety Communications Planning Committee** is developing a regional plan for agencies that will request frequencies from the 700 MHz band.


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
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The Region 40 700 MHz Planning Meetings are open to the public. All interested public safety agency representatives are invited to attend and are encouraged to participate in any or all of the sub-committees' planning activities.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REGION 40 (NORTH TEXAS) PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SIXTH REGION 40 700 MHZ PLANNING MEETING

The Region 40 (North Texas) 700 MHz Public Safety Planning Committee announces that the sixth planning meeting will be held on December 2, 2003 at the Collin County Sheriff's Office, 4300 Community Blvd. McKinney. The meeting will convene at 2:00 pm.

The agenda for the meeting will be:

Approve minutes of the previous meeting

Presentation of the final regional plan

Convening of the 4.9 GHZ committee, appointment of chairman

Presentation of consultant's report on interoperability

Location of the next meeting

Other Business

Next Meeting Date

Adjourn

The Region 40 700 MHz Public Safety Planning Committee meeting is open to the public. All eligible public safety providers in North Central Texas may utilize these frequencies. It is essential that participants be representatives of all eligible public safety providers in order to ensure that your agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate and represent your agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of new public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz band within Region 40 should plan to attend, and are welcome to participate and volunteer for committee assignments.

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Subject: Reminder....

All,

Just a reminder that the Region 40 Public safety Planning Committee will be meeting on December 2nd, 2003. I have attached the agenda.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving! When your around the Thanksgiving table, don't forget to say a prayer for our troops.....

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AGENDAS AND MEETING SUMMARIES

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AGENDAS AND MEETING SUMMARIES

REGION 40, 700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING MEETING

North Central Texas Council Of Governments

June 26, 2002

9:00 A.M.- 11:30 A.M.

Transportation Board Room

WORKING AGENDA*

Welcome and Introductions (Fred introduces Dan and Peter as Manager of Communications; Peter as Assistant Director and Chief Telecommunications Officer. Plus, Chair of Region 40, Regional Review Committee, and member of same. Also, I will mention that Peter is acting as the Convener of this meeting, as prescribed by the FCC, prior to establishing a 700 MHz planning initiative. I will indicate that you both will be presenting material and responding to questions. I will then turn it over to Peter.)

Status of FCC Rules for 700 MHz Band. (Peter continues.)

Review Work of Public Safety National Coordination Committee (Peter or Dan.)

Encourage Participation on Regional Planning Committee (I will be happy to do so, but that's your call.)

Elect Committee Chair and Vice-Chair (Nominations will come from the floor.)

Purpose of Regional Plan (To meet FCC requirements which will lead to the release of frequencies from the 700 MHz band.)

Process of Plan Development (Once Chair and VC are elected, attendees will be invited to participate in the writing of the plan. Dan and other Region 40 committee members have been through this before, but the effort will take more manpower than the existing committee.)

Planning Sub-Committees (Will mention that the planning sub-committees will be: Technology and Planning, Interoperability, Implementation.)

Solicitation of Involvement (It's at this time when we ask for their help to serve on the planning committee and help to develop the plan leading to the distribution of 700s. I or one of my staff will distribute the Interest to Serve form and ask that the forms be returned by July 9 or so. Also, I would hope that some would hand the forms in before they leave)

Role of NCTCOG in Planning Process (FK indicates that NCTCOG will make meeting arrangements, send out notices, help the committee draft sections of the plan, etc.)

Adjourn

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SUMMARY

Region 40, 700 MHz Regional Planning Meeting

Peter Ungar, Convener

North Central Texas Council of Governments

June 26, 2002

9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Transportation Board Room

Welcome and Introductions

Fred Keithley welcomed the attendees and thanked them. He introduced himself as Director of Community Services for NCTCOG and introduced Suzanne Solomon, 9-1-1 Special Projects Coordinator, as the secretary for this meeting. Mr. Keithley introduced Dan Scrivner as the Chairman of the Region 40 Regional Review Committee, handling 800 megahertz band, and Manager of Communications for the City of Dallas. He then introduced Peter Ungar, who convened the meeting as prescribed by the FCC, as the Assistant Director and Chief Telecommunications Officer for the City of Fort Worth. Joe Blair, the first Vice Chairman of Region 40, was also in attendance. Mr. Keithley encouraged participants to ask questions whenever they wished and to not hold them to the end of the meeting.

Status of FCC Rules for 700 MHz Band, Review Work of Public Safety National Coordination Committee

Mr. Ungar explained that under the FCC rules, this is a public and open meeting, which is why there is a recording and a secretary to take minutes. The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of the FCC rules for the 700 MHz bandwidth, to review the work to date of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee, to establish a Regional Planning Committee, to elect a Chairperson, and to establish procedural rules and bylaws, sometime in the near future.

Encourage Participation on Regional Planning Committee

Purpose of Regional Plan

The purpose and goal of this Regional Planning Committee will be to manage and develop a plan which allocates the available 700 MHz spectrum to the public safety community in FCC's Region 40 area (Northern Texas Region, composed of 42 counties of the Northeast, North and North Central Texas area. The region is characterized by the large urban metropolitan Dallas/Fort Worth area as well as less populated rural jurisdictions and smaller communities.)

The 700 MHz spectrum may not be available for approximately four years, but the Regional Plan needs to be developed in advance of the spectrum allocations by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Region 40 touches four other RPCs: Regions 49, 50, 51 and 52.

Process of Plan Development

Television channels 60 through 69 (746-806 MHz) will be reallocated. The FCC's goals are to alleviate the current LMR (Land Mobile Radio) congestion in other bands, to provide public safety access to new technologies, to promote interoperability and to satisfy PSWAC (Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee) requirements.

24 MHz of 60 MHz will be allocated to public safety. Eligibility requirements are that it be used only for protection of life, health or property. Non-governmental organizations may be eligible but will need a

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letter of support. This opportunity is currently open to all four current Public Safety Frequency Coordinators.

A 746-806 MHz band illustration was shown to demonstrate the bandwidth being offered.

The general use of the 24 MHz being allocated to Public Safety will be administered through the Regional Planning Committees. 7.7 MHz will be narrowband, and 4.8 MHz will be wideband. It will also be used for purposes of interoperability.

The National Coordination Committee (NCC) was established in 1999 to develop recommendations for digital standards and use of the Interoperability Channels. The NCC submitted its first report to the FCC on February 25, 2000. The NCC was tasked to develop a National Plan and recommend interoperability standards. They proposed 0.8 MHz narrowband interoperability (32 @ 12.5 kHz) and proposed 0.8 MHz interoperability guard (either side of I/O channel, 64 @ 6.25 kHz). They also proposed 1.8 MHz wideband interoperability (18 @ 50 kHz).

Additionally, the NCC proposed 2.4 MHz narrowband as a "block grant" to each state, 0.3 MHz narrowband as low power (analog) on-scene/itinerant, and 5.4 MHz wideband reserve. Narrowband channels can be aggregated to 25 kHz bandwidth, and wideband channels can be aggregated to 150 kHz bandwidth.

The NCC recommended that Project 25, Phase I as the digital I/O standard, and that trunking be permissible but not mandatory on the I/O channels. The 4th FCC R&O adopted the Project 25, Phase I as the digital standard on January 11, 2001. The second year (2001) work was to develop receiver standards, continue work on wideband standards, and finalize the National Plan Template and Regional Planning Guidelines.

The Regional Plan required for licensing on the General Use Channels was approved. The National Plan Template was adopted in May of 2001, and Regional Plans must still be developed.

States were required to notify the FCC by December 31, 2001 if they were planning to administrate the 700 MHz I/O channels. Administration involves holding the license, resolving licensing issues and developing a statewide interoperability plan. If the FCC did not receive notice, administration of the interoperability channels reverted to the Regional Planning Committee as of January 1, 2002. The State of Texas did apply, and received approval to administer the interoperability channels.

Television channels must be cleared for use. An illustration was shown demonstrating where the spectrum is currently available in the nation for this use. Dallas, Fort Worth, Plano and Arlington do not have this spectrum available because PAX and one other station are currently using that bandwidth.

There are television incumbency rules in place to protect the incumbent analog and new digital television receivers in the spectrum until the broadcast transition ends. The deadline is December 31, 2006 to end analog broadcasts. By market, exceptions may be granted by the FCC. For example, if less than 85% of households in that market have digital television services, that market will be granted an exception. If at least one of four national television network affiliates are not broadcasting digital, that would be considered an exception. If the license is within 120 kilometres of Canada or Mexico, some special limitations apply in those areas as well.

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To summarize the current status in the United States, in 1997, the spectrum was reallocated to Public Safety. In 2000, Band Manager spectrum was focused for private wireless use. In 2001, the narrowband Project 25 standard was adopted. A wideband standard is under development in TIA, the target 1 H 2003. Each state has a 700 MHz license. Over half the Regions have started planning – in Texas, there are six Regional Planning Committees. Three are actively working, two are beginning, and one is currently not committed.

Several spectrum-clearing issues have been identified. Both co-channel and adjacent channel television stations must be cleared. The current clearing deadline is December 31, 2006, but current law allows going beyond that date. Public Safety must compete with broadcasters, cable operators and content providers in Congress. Canadian channel 60-69 clearing and a US/Canadian agreement are also needed for the border areas.

Question: Why are some lobbying to delay the deadline?

Mr. Ungar: It's expensive. Television stations switching from analog to digital will cost them from five to six million dollars. Also, the market penetration isn't there. Everyone is pushing digital televisions, but the consumers are not yet finding them cost effective. A digital television costs two to five thousand dollars, whereas an analog television may cost only one or two hundred dollars.

Question: What area does PAX cover? What about the areas that don't get PAX?

Mr. Ungar: TV-PAX-68 covers a huge geographical area. Though the signal might not be received on a television, it will still be there with a strength that might impact your communications. It might not be strong enough for the television to translate, but strong enough to mess with Public Safety communications.

Planning Subcommittees and Solicitation of Involvement

The Regional Planning Committee is following the process outlined by the FCC, and is not doing anything radical. We need to elect chairs and officers, to establish sub-committees for implementation and outreach. The RPC needs to develop by-laws using the by-laws from the existing Region 40 committee as a starting point.

Mr. Scrivner addressed the implementation and outreach category. When the Regional Planning Committees began work in 1987, the FCC criticized some regions, not Region 40, for limiting the involvement of the local committees in allocating the bandwidth. So this time, the Regional Planning Committee must be certain that everyone who wishes to be involved, is involved.

Elect Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

The floor was turned over to Mr. Keithley for the nominations.

Mr. Keithley made it clear that the Council Of Governments wants to elect the best officers possible, so the COG is present at this meeting as a facilitator/coordinator. This meeting is really to encourage the participants to nominate, to understand that from this point forward, the committee has about a year to two years of planning. The planning will require drafting and editing, convening and arriving at a final draft which will, once completed, go forward to the FCC. Without that, there will be no 700 MHz frequencies for local public safety agencies in Region 40. The officer elected needs good knowledge of the material, good leadership capabilities, and a keen understanding of the process.

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At this time, Mr. Keithley opened the floor for nominations for someone to lead the planning process and arrive at a well thought-out, comprehensive plan.

Question: How many people per agency can vote, how will you accept nominating or voting, or actual membership in the voting process?

Peter Ungar: Once the planning committee, chair, and vice chair are selected, voting members of the committees of region 40 must be employed by an agency that holds current radio licenses. There is only one vote per agency.

Gerard Eades, City of Arlington nominated Dan Scrivner for Chair. The nomination was seconded Gary Price, ETCOG.

Mr. Peter Ungar was also nominated for chair. The nomination was seconded.

The majority vote favored Mr. Dan Scrivner, and he was elected the Chairman of the Region 40 Planning Committee.

Mr. Keithley opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair of the Region 40 Planning Committee.

Captain Robert Boudreaux, City of Irving, was nominated for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded.

Mr. Peter Ungar was nominated for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded.

The majority vote favored Peter Ungar, and he was elected the Vice-Chairman of the Region 40 Planning Committee.

The Role of NCTCOG in the Planning Process

Next, details of the Region 40 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee (RPC) were described. Mr. Ungar stated that voting members of the committees of Region 40 must be employed by an agency that holds current radio licenses. There is only one vote per agency. He said, also, that the committee should suggest a secretary/treasurer, at a later date.

Question: How many votes will state agencies receive?

Mr. Ken Yoder, State Frequency Coordinator, answered that Mr. Robert Pletcher, Program Director for DPS will represent the state and vote for all state agencies. Mr. Pletcher is Chairman of the state's Interagency Radio Work Group (IRWG).

NCTCOG, in behalf of the committee, will notify adjacent regions of its meetings. The Chair should attend adjacent regions' meetings, if possible. Written approval of this region's plan by adjacent regions is required.

Sub Committees will include Technology and Planning, Interoperability, and Implementation.

Mr. Keithley passed around a sheet with the subcommittees on it. The subcommittees need people who will write, convene, and have time to commit to the planning initiative. The forms may be left with the Council of Governments today or mailed or faxed back to NCTCOG. Invitations, totaling 720 were sent to local governments, state governments, and all adjacent regions

Question: Are members of committee limited to FCC licensed persons?